

THE OAK LAWN NETWORKER

Brought to you by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement:

“The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.”

Marketing Opportunities in 2023

Business After Hours - BAH's are after work networking events that provide the opportunity for Chamber Members and others to visit your business “after hours:” to learn more about your products and services while networking with fellow members.

Member in Spotlight - Member in Spotlight is a program designed to put **YOU** in the spotlight, this program allows information about your business, upcoming events, specials, and more to be sent to 800+ registered email subscribers. Your email can include logo, photos, even links to your website! These blasts go out each Monday and spots are reserved in advance and taken on a first come, first-served basis. The cost to participate is \$30 a week.

Metra Station Stacks - The Chamber office is located in the Oak Lawn Metra Station. As a member, you can provide brochures/info about your business inside the station. The Metra station has hundreds of commuters each day. This is free to all members.

Metra TV Ads - Advertise in the Metra Patriot station 24/7/365. Quarterly ads \$75 for members.

Membership Directory - Your business information is listed categorically and alphabetically in the directory which is distributed annually to all members and made available to residents. Chamber members can purchase ads at a discounted price.

Website - All members are listed for free on our website. So don't forget to claim your page. You can post videos, pictures and even blog! If you don't know how to use any of these free marketing tools, contact the Chamber Office for a tutorial. This is free to all members.

Weekly Email Blasts - Free to all members! If you have event information to share with our community, email it to the Chamber office and it will be shared for the weeks leading up to the date.

**Please call the chamber office with any questions or
If you wish to advertise with us.**

708-424-8300

March/April 2023

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5120 Museum Drive

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REMEMBER!!!

SHOP SMALL

&

SHOP LOCAL!

Chamber President's Message



Greetings to all of our Chamber members. It is a privilege to be your 2023 Oak Lawn Chamber President. I, along with my husband Ryan, are the proud owners of Nothing Bundt Cakes in Oak Lawn and Lincoln Park, soon to be Andersonville and the West Loop. We joined the Oak Lawn Chamber almost 8 years ago prior to opening our bakery. My first meeting/ luncheon was held at the Oak Lawn fire station where I met many of the great

members who were so welcoming. I was inspired to get involved from that first day. Community involvement has always inspired us and has been a significant contributor to our success. Over the years I have been a part of the board and ultimately the Executive Board. I follow in the footsteps of the many great presidents we have had in the past. Jim Makina, Eileen Kerlin Walsh and Dr. Katie Narbone just to name a few.

This year we will continue to focus on our strategic plan, especially when it comes to member engagement and promoting small businesses in our community. As the Chairman of the Shop Oak Lawn event we are continuing to look for ways to improve and promote our small business community. We would love to hear from you with suggestions and new ideas to promote our businesses.

We have a very successful Chamber with 336 members. We will continue to offer great programs including the Mentorship Committee, Chamber Member luncheons, Ribbon Cuttings, Business after Hours, Health and Safety Expo, Golf Outing and the Family Fall Fest. All are great opportunities for you to get involved and promote your business. Some of the upcoming events are the Chamber Member luncheon on March 14th at Oak Lawn Community High School, the JDog Junk Removal Ribbon Cutting and Service Project on March 25th at Oak Lawn Community High School at 9:00 am and the Clean Cans & Power-washing Ribbon Cutting at the Patriot Train Station on March 30th at 10:00am.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can continue to improve our powerful Chamber and the community. I'm honored to be working with a wonderful Executive Board including Natasha Williams of Three20 Media, Kathleen Farrell of Oak Lawn Bank & Trust, Nick Gulino of JP Architects, Jim Makin of Allegra Marketing and our Executive Director Anne Fritz. Have a great spring!

Regards,

Jeffrey Reynolds, 2023 Chamber President

2023 Officers and Directors

President-Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)

1st Vice President-- Natasha Williams (Three20 Media)

2nd Vice President = Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)

Treadurer/Secretary - Nick Gulino (J.P. Architects, LLC.)

Immediate Past President-Jim Makina (Allegra Marketing * Print * Mail)

Term Expiring 12/31/23

Joe Cwiklinski (Century 21 Affiliated Pro Team)

Bernard Deir (Midwest Business Consulting)

David A. Dewar (Tax-Free Retirement Solutions)

Tom Javorcic (Oak Lawn Public Library)

Susan Latocha (Advocate Aurora Health Christ Medical)

Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster F.H.)

Charlie Shirk (Hilton Chicago / Oak Lawn)

Daniel Stidham (Calvary Church)

Sharon Vetsch (The Quick Books Queen)

Nicole Wetzell (NEW Consulting)

Linda Wong (Express Employment Professionals)

Term Expiring 12/31/24

Dr. Sandra Bury (Complete Vision Care)

George Cachares (Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center)

Shannon Dahlman (Grace Point Place)

Joseph Eaton (Shark Shredding)

Dr. Paul Enderle (Oak Lawn Hometown School District 123)

Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle)

Mike Jacobson (Community High School District 218)

Erin Molek (BEDS Plus Care)

Steve Pappageorge (MVCC)

Jill Stetson (Skin Trust)

Mike Sutko (World Travel Mart)

Justin Waters (Oak Lawn Park District)

Chamber Staff

Anne M Fritz - Executive Director

Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant

Your Chamber at a Glance

- **Ribbon Cuttings**
- **Business After Hours**
- **Member in the Spotlight**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**

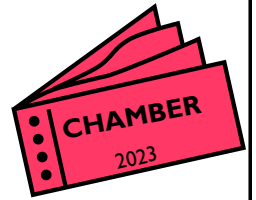
Please check the calendar on page **15** for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:

www.oaklawchamber.com

2023 Bonanza Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!

Each ticket price is \$10 and four winners are picked each month: one \$100 winner, one \$50 winner and two \$25 winners.



Buy now!

Winning tickets are placed back for even more chances the following month!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

January Winners (pulled during Installation Dinner)

Brian Murphy—\$100

Robbie Segina—\$50

Don Morgan—\$25

Lisa Bulger—\$25

February Winners

Dr. David Finkelstein—\$100

Chris Washington—\$50

Desirie McKay—\$25

Grassano's Pizza—\$25

NOW is a GREAT time to ENGAGE with the CHAMBER!

Some reasons Chamber Membership Matters:

- ◆ Networking
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Referrals
- ◆ Credibility
- ◆ Resources
- ◆ Visibility



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Joined after January 1, 2023

CJP Appraisal Services, LLC.

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February New & Prospective Member Breakfast

Thank you Jason's Deli!



January Installation Dinner



February Chamber Luncheon State of the Village Address



**Thank you to
Mayor Vorderer & all the Presenters!**

Welcome New Members!!
Andrea Winters ~ June's Tees & Things
Rob Medinger Keller Williams Elite
Patrick McFowler—McFolwer
Investments Group
Lou Ornoff—Ornoff Insurance Group
Joann Heniff—Stroll Palos Park
Colm Halpin—Clean Cars &
Powerwashing

It Takes a Village ~ Ribbon Cutting

It Takes a Village

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(773) 340-9336

ittakes@villagechildcarellc.com

www.villagechildcare.com



Stroll Palos Park ~ Business After Hours



Thanks to Body20 for hosting this
Business after Hours for:
Stroll Palos Park
(708) 642-6255
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Chamber Member Luncheon ~ March 14, 2023
Oak Lawn Community High School

Oak Lawn Chamber
March Luncheon

Tuesday March 14

11:30AM Networking/Registration

12:00PM Lunch

\$20

Oak Lawn Community High School

9400 Southwest Highway

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

**Join us for our March monthly luncheon.
We will be acknowledging the
OLCHS artists whose illustrations
were used in the 2022
Fire & Safety coloring books.**

**OLCHS Choir
will be performing.**

**Don't forget to RSVP 708-424-8300 or
www.oaklawnchamber.com**



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

JDOG Ribbon Cutting & Service Project ~ March 25, 2023
Oak Lawn Community High School



**March
25th
2023
9_{AM}-3_{PM}**

Come join us in celebrating the opening of JDog Junk Removal & Hauling Oak Lawn! Show your support by bringing friends & family to help build beds for children and families in need, with the coordination of JDog Junk Removal & Hauling, SHP, OLCHS & the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

Firehouse Subs Oak Lawn will be providing food to all volunteers.

Oak Lawn Community High School
9400 Southeast Hwy,
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Located in the south parking lot (please dress accordingly)



VETERAN OWNED * VETERAN OPERATED

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Clean Cans & Powerwashing Ribbon Cutting

March 30, 2023



YOU ARE INVITED!!
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

Clean Cans & Powerwashing

(866) 690-2267

Held at Patriot Train Station

5120 Museum Drive

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

10:00 AM



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Chamber Member Breakfast ~ April 11, 2023

Hilton Oak Lawn

Oak Lawn Chamber Networking Breakfast

Join us for our networking breakfast. Come network with other neighborhood business representatives .

Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the office 708-424-8500 or oaklawnchamber.com

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**8:50 AM Registration/
Networking**

9:00 AM Breakfast

\$20

Hilton Oak Lawn/Chicago

9555 S Cicero Ave

Oak Lawn, IL 60455



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Health & Safety Expo
Wednesday, April 12, 2022 ~ 9 AM—12 PM



OUR COMMUNITY, OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE

HEALTH & SAFETY EXPO 2023



5220 W 105TH ST
OAK LAWN, IL 60453

APRIL 12TH, 2023
9:00AM-12:00PM

OVER 30 HEALTH & SAFETY
VENDORS WILL BE ON-SITE!

MULTIPLE FREE
HEALTH SCREENINGS

Shredding event 10:00AM- 12:00PM

Sponsored by :

State Representative Kelly Burke &
Senator Bill Cunningham

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 708-424-8300
OFFICE@OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM



[Click Here to Register!](#)

Lunch & Learn (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 19, 2022 ~ 11:30 AM

Lunch & Learn



The Soul of Your Business:

Forging Lasting Relationships for a Rich
Personal and Professional Life

Who find themselves . . .

- without enough time for prospecting and building their client base
- wishing their business self-propelled itself with ongoing referrals
- thinking there is an easier way to consistently grow growth

Presented by Eileen Kerlin Walsh, who will inspire us to push our lives and businesses into better shape, form deeper bonds with prospects and clients, stay connected to the people we love, keep alive the goals we cherish, and have a terrific time in the process.



We will...

- Explore the science of connection, unity, compassion and empathy in our brain and nervous system.
- Learn how to release the hormonal reactions that foster love and cooperation, rather than intolerance and adversity.
- Have soul. While there are many ways to define Soul, we mean the intense essence of a person or business that contains their emotional and intellectual energy. That vital, animating force unlimited by the body, our grandest, deepest part.
- Add the role of story, at the heart of loyal, lasting relationships with our team, referral partners, prospects and clients.
- Deepen our relationship with our loved ones and ourselves.

Virtual
April 19, 2023
11:30AM-1:00PM

zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81160533358?pwd=d2lGQ3FrZ0RrYkRWTTJwRzA4YkNhdz09>

[Click Here to Register!](#)

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chamber Member Luncheon	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 JDog Junk Removal Ribbon Cutting
26	27	28	29	30 Clean Cans & Powerwashing Ribbon Cutting	31	



Office Hours Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Chamber Member Luncheon
Oak Lawn Community High School
12 pm

Saturday, March 25, 2023
JDog Junk Removal
Grand Opening & Service Project
Oak Lawn Community High School
9 am

Thursday, March 30, 2023
Clean Cans & Powerwashing Ribbon Cutting
Patriot Train Station
10 am

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Chamber Member Breakfast
Hilton Oak Lawn
9 am

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Health & Safety Expo
9 am—12 pm

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Lunch & Learn via Zoom
11:30 am

April 2023

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